IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please delete the Abstract at page 8 in its entirety and substitute the following new Abstract. (An Abstract showing the changes using brackets and underlining is included as an attachment at the end of this Preliminary Amendment.)

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A computing machine (1) comprises a RAM (3) and a mass memory (5) in which an operating system is stored. The mass memory (5) comprises a partition (8) that is read-only accessible to the operating system. Said partition (8) contains a

5 startup function, an automatic repair function, and a function for mounting said operating system.--